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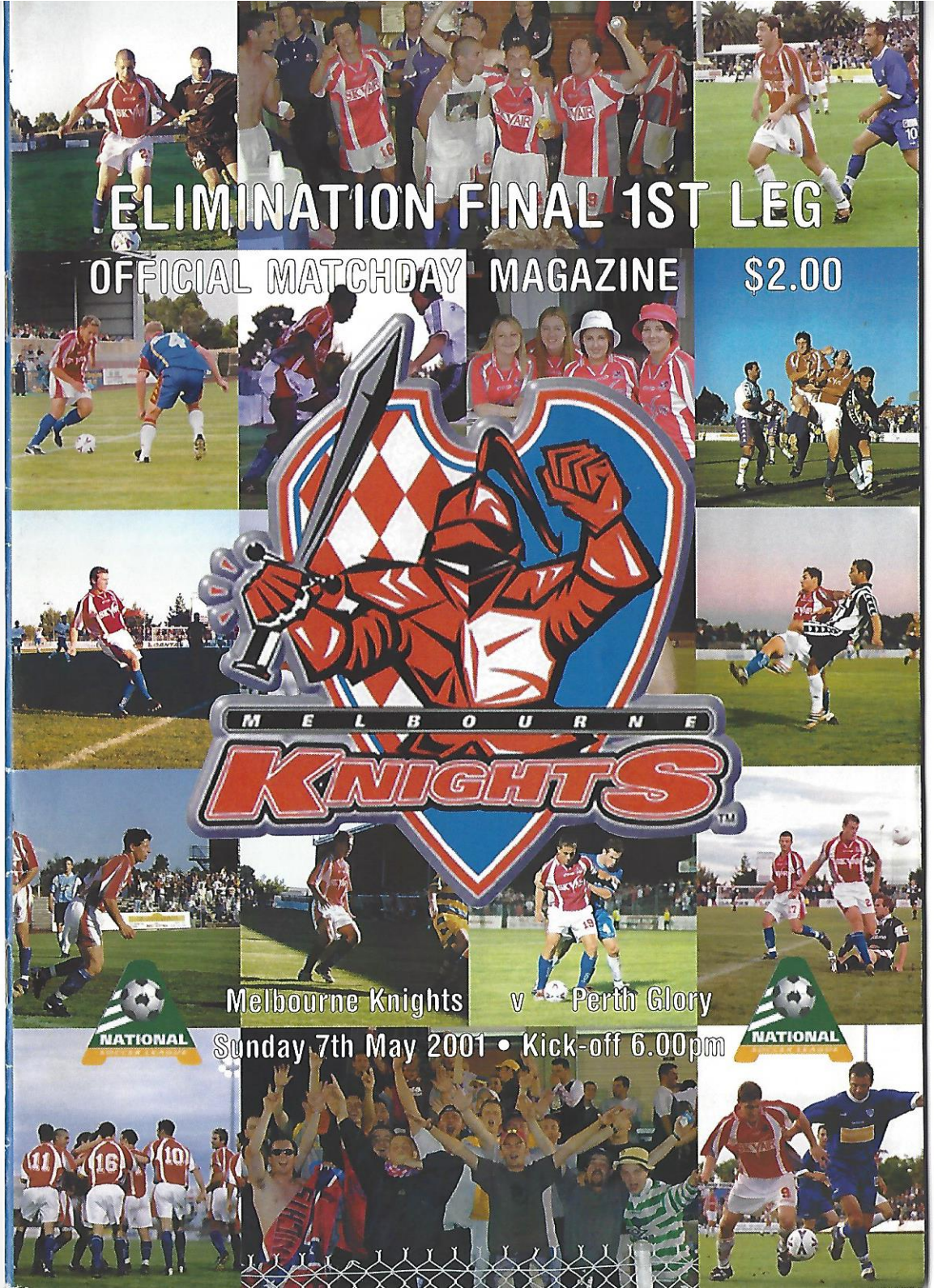

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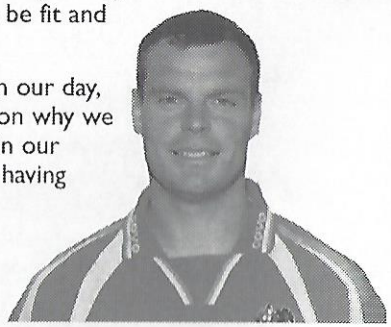
Stabber's Soapbox

I would like to welcome you all to today's match at Knights Stadium and I am sure you are all eagerly awaiting today's encounter as much as I am, being our first finals appearance in four years.

Last week's match against Newcastle United was more or less an experimental match, particularly after we popped away a few early goals. It was disappointing surrendering a 5-1 lead, but it was understandable since I was shuffling my side around.

Today I am blessed in that I have a full squad to choose from. I was the only player doubtful during the week but I am also available for the match. There are a couple of players who are nursing knocks and bruises from training during the week, but that is natural and I would expect them to be fit and raring to go come 6pm.



I have always maintained that we can beat any side on our day, and with a full squad to choose from, there's no reason why we can't beat Perth. There will be some unlucky players in our squad during the finals series, but that the beauty off having depth.

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Foreward

By Tony Labbozzetta (Chairman SOCCER AUSTRALIA)

Welcome to the 2000-2001 NSL Top 6 Final Series as teams vie for the Championship Trophy **– THE ULTIMATE GOAL.**

Firstly, let me congratulate the teams that have qualified for this season's Finals Series, with a special mention to South Melbourne, for capturing the Premiership trophy.

In a season that has had many highlights, current Australian and Oceania champions, the Wollongong Wolves, are again represented in the finals and have broken the goalscoring record for the NSL with 80 goals.

Last year's grand finalists Perth Glory are back to avenge the previous year's defeat and are joined by Sydney Olympic, Marconi Stallions and Melbourne Knights.

What will unfold over the next few weeks should capture a lot of imagination ... will we see a re-match of last year's Grand Final, or will the Premiers win through to host the Grand Final ... or can Marconi Stallions or Melbourne Knights go all the way ??

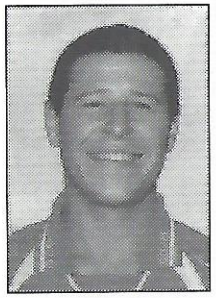
To all of our corporate partners, stakeholders and supporters, the end of the regular season has brought another pleasing milestone and I am pleased to highlight that over 1 million fans enjoyed our game this season – we thank you all for your support.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all of the teams the best, as they each strive to make the Grand Final, and as we all look forward to enjoying the coming weeks of action.

Season Review

NSL Ladder

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	**South Melbourne**	**30**	**19**	**6**	**3**	**+46**	**69**
2	**Wollongong Wolves**	**30**	**16**	**7**	**5**	**+40**	**61**
3	**Perth Glory**	**30**	**16**	**7**	**5**	**+40**	**61**
4	**Sydney Olympic**	**30**	**15**	**6**	**7**	**+21**	**57**
5	**Marconi Stallions**	**30**	**12**	**8**	**8**	**+9**	**50**
6	**Melbourne Knights**	**30**	**12**	**7**	**9**	**+15**	**49**
7	Adelaide City Force	30	10	7	11	-	43
8	Kingz FC	30	10	7	11	-	43
9	Parramatta Power	30	11	3	14	-2	42
10	Sydney United	30	10	6	23	-10	42
11	Canberra Cosmos	30	9	4	15	-6	37
12	Brisbane Strikers	30	7	8	13	-4	35
13	Northern Spirit	30	6	8	14	-11	32
14	Newcastle United	30	5	9	14	-19	30
15	Eastern Pride	30	3	5	20	-29	20



Leading Goalscorers:

Damian Mori (*Perth Glory*)	19
Saso Petrovski (*W'gong Wolves*)	18
Scott Chipperfield (*W'gong Wolves*)	17
Bobby Despotovski (*Perth Glory*)	17
Ben Burgess (*Northern Spirit*)	16
Andrew Vlahos (*South Melbourne*)	13
Stuart Young (*W'gong Wolves*)	13
Con Boutsianis (*South Melbourne*)	12
Adrian Cervinski (*Melb Knights*)	**12**
Dennis Ibrahim (*Kingz FC*)	12
Joel Porter (*Melbourne Knights*)	**12**
Archie Thompson (*Marconi*)	12

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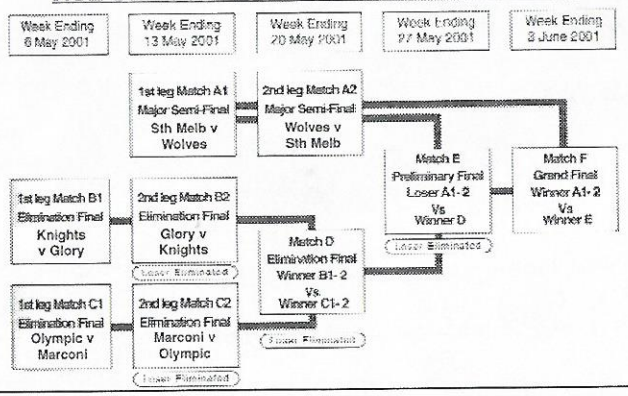

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Dragi Nastevski

If a Knights fan was asked to predict a player whom they thought would lift a notch or two this season, Dragi Nastevski would most probably have ranked highly on that list. He was part of the Olyroo squad that took part in the Sydney Olympics, in the process mixing it with the likes of Josip Skoko, Mark Viduka and Marco Bresciano, not to mention the local players.

Nastevski will be the first to admit that not everything has gone to plan this season. He struggled to win a first team place with former Coach Vlado Vanis for non-footballing reasons, but the 24-year-old is back on track and pressing for a first team spot after playing only nine matches this season.

David Davutovic caught up with the midfielder who is hungry to add another championship medal to his collection.

DD: When did you start playing soccer?

DN: I started playing at 8 with Lalor United, before I went to VIS, then I went to Thomastown and played seniors in the Premier League. I joined the Knights in 1995/96 from Thomastown where I won the championship in my first season.

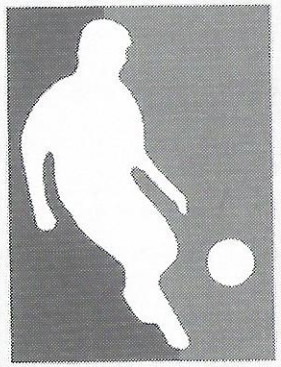
Dragi Nastevski is back in first team contention after missing the majority of the season

DD: Can you sum up your NSL career so far?

DN: It started off with a bang when we won a championship in the first year and I feel I've been pretty consistent over the past 3-4 years. Unfortunately this season hasn't panned out as well as I would've thought, but I have a chance to rectify that now in the finals series.

DD: Describe the feeling of winning the championship against Marconi in 1995/96.

DN: It was simply unbelievable. Most of the boys had won it the year before and there were only about 3-4 new players that came in that year, the likes of Tom Pondeljak, Adrian Cervinski, John Markovski and Joe Bacak. The older boys were saying it was great winning it the first time, but even sweeter winning it on the second occasion, particularly in front of the home fans.



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By David Davutovic

So being in my first NSL season, I couldn't have asked for more. To play with the likes of Joe Spiteri, Danny Tiatto and Josip Simunic was just a huge learning experience that I still carry with me today. It was good to get a taste of winning the championship, as I am now able to pass it down to other players who haven't as yet been a part of it.

DD: Likewise, describe the experience of being part of the Olyroo camp for the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

DN: Being part of it the whole time was again a whole new experience, because I got to play with the best U/23 players Australia has to offer. Unfortunately I didn't make the final squad, but I was on stand by, so training with Mark Viduka and Josip Skoko was an experience in itself.

Nastevski is one of four current Knights players to have tasted the sweet success of the 1995/96 championship victory against Marconi.

DD: What about the current NSL season?

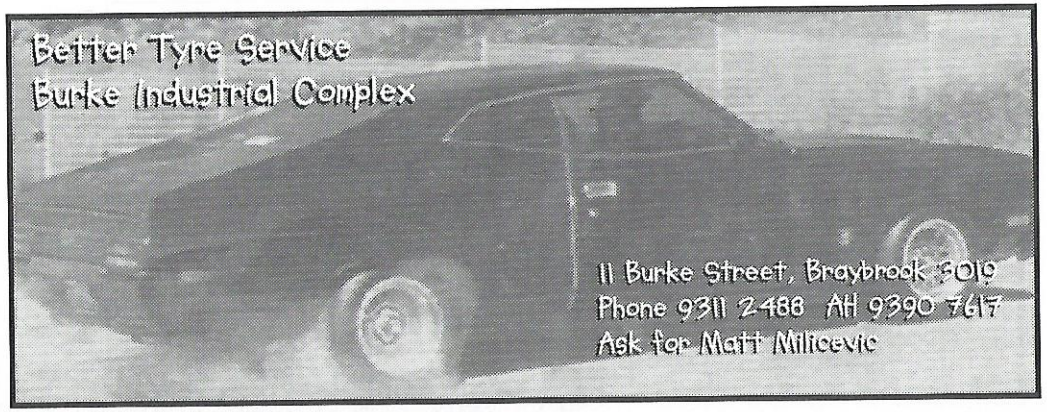
DN: It's been pretty frustrating, as you know. Especially when not being picked in the squad has nothing to do with your ability, but rather some other reason, so obviously it was very disappointing. But I've stuck in there and hopefully I, along with the team can be rewarded in the current finals series.

DD: What's your personal ambition for the finals series?

DN: Hopefully I can get a guernsey for the Knights and play some sort of role, whether it's in the starting eleven, or whether it's a support role off the bench. It's a big squad and we have good team camaraderie, so it doesn't really matter if you're playing or not, as long as you are there, supporting the boys that are playing.

DD: How far can this side go in the finals?

DN: If we can get past Perth there are no limits. This is the first hurdle getting past Perth, and we have nothing to fear, as we played well both at home and away against them this season. So hopefully we can get a good result today with the crowd behind us, before going to Subiaco Oval, where hopefully we can hold them off and advance to the next stage.



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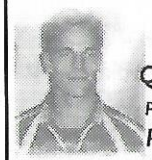
Martin John — Racecourse Motor Co.	 Zoltan Zold — Quadrocorp & Jadran Plastering	Jason Vukadin — JZ Lee	Xhezair Sulemani — South Dandenong S.C.
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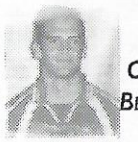
Lupce Acevski — Gianerelli Brothers	 Ivan Zelic — Citywide & Better Tyres services	Adrian Cervinski — Cimera Smallgoods	Andy Vargas — Impressive Plumbing
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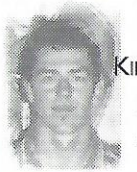 Alex Kiratzoglou — Newline Builders	Andrew Marth — Jadran Plastering	Daniel Vasilevski — Quadrocorp/ Jadran Plastering/ Midas Electrical	
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Did you know?

- The last time the **MELBOURNE KNIGHTS** were in the finals was four years ago in the 1996/97 season, when ironically they defeated Perth Glory in the final match of the season. The 3-1 scoreline at Knights Stadium put an end to Perth's hopes of reaching the finals in their inaugural season, with the Knights sneaking into the top six by a point.

- **ADRIAN CERVINSKI** has scored the Knights' last two finals goals. The last goal scored was in the 1996/97 Elimination final – 1st leg against South Melbourne, when he scored an 82nd minute consolation at Knights Stadium as the Knights went down 4-1. Whilst the second last goal scored was the 76th minute sealer against Marconi in the 1995/96 grand final, after Andrew Marth opened the Knights' account in the 58th minute. For the record, Andy Harper equalised in the 78th minute for a 2-1 final scoreline.

- That the last time the **KNIGHTS** finished in sixth position was also the last time they made the finals (1996/97). In 26 matches, they registered 11 wins, 6 draws and 9 losses, registering 39 points. This season the Knights have played 28 matches (excluding 2 Bye's), registering 12 wins, 7 draws and 9 losses. Unfortunately in 1996/97, sixth position was as far as they went, with South Melbourne winning 7-1 on aggregate.

- Four of the current Knights squad played in the 1995/96 championship side. **ANDREW MARTH, LUBO LAPSANSKY** and **ADRIAN CERVINSKI** all started, whilst **DRAGI NASTEVSKI** came off the bench for **JOHN MARKOVSKI**.

- **ANDREW MARTH** may just be the key to the Knights' finals series. Of Marth's five grand final appearances, he has scored in three of them.
1. 1990/91 grand final vs. South Melbourne. Final score 1-1, before Souths prevailed on penalties.
2. 1994/95 grand final vs. Adelaide City. Final score 2-0, 'Stabber' scored a 36th minute pile-driver.
3. 1995/96 grand final vs. Marconi. Final score 2-1, Marth scored in the 58th minute. Ironically on all three occasions, Marth opened the scoring.

- **ADRIAN CERVINSKI** usually takes a half to shake off the nerves of finals football, but often comes home with a wet sail. He has a wealth of finals experience behind him, three grand final appearances, two of them with the Knights. However, four of Cervinski's five finals goals have come in the second half of play. His goals have come in the 20th, 66th, 61st, 76th and 82nd minutes.

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Today's match

By Lance Jenkinson

For the first time in four seasons, finals football is set to return to Somers Street, and it has the whole of the Western Suburbs buzzing.

At the beginning of the season, who would have picked the Knights to make the top six? A team that was put together by former coach Vlado Vanis consisted mainly of youngsters or no-name players.

Mid-year the Melbourne Knights benefited from Carlton Soccer Club's financial woes. They recruited current coach Andrew Marth, midfielders Lubo Lapsansky, Daniel Vasilevski and world class defender Steve Horvat. Marth, Lapsansky and Horvat are all ex-Knights who have won championships at Somers Street. That could be a key factor in the Knights succeeding this afternoon.

The Carlton quartet was added to an up-and-coming team of youngsters with a big future. Players like Rody Vargas, Sasa Ognenovski, Alex Kiratzoglou, Lupce Acevski were the backbone to the Knights fortunes before the Carlton players came in. They have been guided by the likes of Andy Vargas, Toto Da Costa, Joel Porter and Adrian Cervinski. But the inclusion of the Carlton players has added that experience factor required to win a championship.

Going beyond the first round of the finals is going to be a massive task in itself. The Knights face a Perth Glory team loaded with stars. On the return leg, they travel to Subiaco Oval in Perth. Not only will they have to take on 11 Glory players, but 40,000 parochial Western Australian spectators await the Knights players.

Knights Media Director Tonci Prusac said "I think our players will revel in the conditions in the return leg at Subiaco Oval in front of 40,000 people, the pressure is definitely on Perth. But let's face it, 40,000 people vying for your blood is enough to send shivers down the spine of any travelling team."

The key to stopping Perth is to shut down twin strikers Damian Mori and Bobby Despotovski. Mori was the competitions leading marksman with 19 goals. Despotovski wasn't far behind, managing 17 for a combined total of 36 goals. Stopping this pair is huge if the Knights are to go further in the finals.

Vargas, Ognenovski, Horvat and Jason Vukadin are the Knights defenders who will have to contain Mori and Despotovski. Vargas has been Mr. Consistency in defence. He has been hotly tipped to take out the clubs best and fairest award in only his second season at the club. Ognenovski has been a tower in defence and Vukadin is running into good form at the right end of the season.

The midfield battle promises to be an enthralling one today. The home side boasts Marth, Lapsansky, Vasilevski and Andy Vargas versus Glory's Kasey Wehrman, Robert Trajkovski, Brad Maloney and Scott Miller. The head to head battle between Lapsansky and Wehrman could determine the result of this match. Both clubs will attack through these two playmakers.

The Knights have looked very dangerous in attack this season. The forward combination of Porter, Cervinski and Da Costa has troubled many defences this season. All three have double figure goal returns this season, and goalscoring options clearly aren't a problem for coach Andrew Marth.

A goalscoring shootout is highly unlikely today, particularly if their last two meetings are any indication, with only three goals scored. Glory plays a more defensive style of play on the road, while they will try to strike the killer blow on their home turf. Perth certainly go into the elimination finals as red hot favorites, but don't write of the underdogs...an upset could be on the cards with the weight of expectation enormous in the West.

Knights form Guide (Last 3 matches):

Round 27:	Lost to Perth Glory (a) 1-0
Round 28:	(Bye)
Round 29:	Drew to Marconi Stallions (a) 0-0
Round 30:	Defeated Newcastle (h) 6-4

Glory form Guide (Last 3 matches):

Round 28:	Defeated Brisbane Strikers (a) 4-1
Round 29:	Lost to Parramatta Power (h) 1-0
Round 30:	Defeated Canberra Cosmos (a) 3-0

Key duels:

Lubo Lapsansky	vs	**Kasey Wehrman**
Age: 28		Age: 23
Position: Playmaker		Position: Playmaker
Career games: 184		Career games: 86
Career goals: 16		Career goals: 7
00/01 games: 22		00/01 games: 14
00/01 goals: 3		00/01 goals: 1

This battle will resemble a boxing bout, as neither player will give the other an inch. Both players play in the highly skilled position of playmaker, however, they also have tenacious defensive skills which are rarely seen on skillful midfielders. Lubo Lapsansky's form has been outstanding this season, whilst Wehrman has had a turbulent time of it, even being suspended by the club at one stage. Both have tasted championship success and both will be at their vocal and industrious best when the referee blows his whistle.

Daniel Vasilevski	vs	**Scott Miller**
Age: 28		Age: 28
Position: Right-winger		Position: Left-winger
Career games: 21		Career games: 188
Career goals: 1		Career goals: 16
00/01 games: 9		00/01 games: 23
00/01 goals: 0		00/01 goals: 3

Scott Miller's consistency at Perth has been rewarded with a Socceroo call up, and as one of the most underrated player's in the NSL, Daniel Vasilevski will have his work cut out. Vasilevski won't be with the squad for the whole finals campaign, with the Young Socceroos travelling to Japan for a warm up tournament, but the youngster will be keen to impress in his finals debut for the Knights. Miller tormented the Knights in their last meeting at Knights Stadium, but Vasilevski has grown in confidence over the past couple of months and will be a menace for Miller when attacking. Whichever player can penetrate the opposing defence more should see his side triumph.

Glory at a Glance

Perth Glory is out to avenge last year's grand final defeat at the hands of Wollongong Wolves, and many pundits are riding their bandwagon.

However all is not rosy in the Glory camp, with a number of off field distractions coming into play over the past couple of weeks.

Record crowds at Perth Oval have not always dominated the headlines, Kasey Wehrman's suspension hogged some of the attention at one stage, whilst Bernd Stange's controversial decision to leave out Young Socceroo Captain Ljubo Milicevic didn't sitwell with the fans either (although he later changed his mind).

Stange is undoubtedly on his last legs, and the Board room shake up which saw General Manager Roger Lefort sacked last week, indicated that Perth are on the verge of a major reshuffle, both on and off the field.

Anything less than a Grand Final victory is likely to be deemed a failure by Glory Chairman Nick Tana, so Stange will no doubt be feeling the pinch, and likewise his playing staff.

A number of distractions on the field also have the potential to disrupt Glory's momentum. Milicevic will leave for Young Socceroo duty in a fortnight, and with Shane Pryce injured, Milicevic has been the backbone of the defence this season.

Questions are also being asked about the timing of Robert Trajkovski's arranged transfer to Northern Spirit. .Trajkovski will play for his fifth NSL club next season, but with the finals series not yet underway, it's unusual that the transfer has been announced.

On the bright side, Glory has the most potent strike force in the business, with Damian Mori and Bobby Despotovski capable of tearing any defence apart on their day.

Their last venture to Knights Stadium proved quite fruitless, and the Knights will be keen to again cut off the supply from the midfield.

Jamie Harnwell, Craig Deans and Milicevic are all aerial threats at set pieces, and they will be checked closely throughout the match.

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Played:	12	**Played:**	6
Knights wins:	2	**Knights wins:**	2
Glory wins:	7	**Glory wins:**	2
Draws:	3	**Draws:**	2

1996/97

***Perth:* Glory 3** (McVittie 34, Kalogeracos 40, Miller 90) v **Knights 2** (A. Cervinski 53, 60)
***Melbourne:* Knights 3** (T. Pondeljak 44, 57, A. Cervinski 85pen) v **Glory 1** (Carbone 10)

1997/98

***Perth:* Glory 3** (S. Halpin 47, Despotovski 67, Siasia 81) v **Knights 2** (Markovski 15, John Didulica 42)
***Melbourne:* Knights 1** (Kelic 38) v **Glory 3** (S. Halpin 50, Tapai 68)

1998/99

***Perth:* Glory 3** (Edwards 17, Despotovski 34, Circati 52) v **Knights 1** (Reda 28)
***Melbourne:* Knights 1** (Kelic 22) v **Glory 1** (Despotovski 52)

1999/2000

***Melbourne:* Knights 0** v **Glory 3** (own goal 16, Boutsianis 70, Despotovski 75)
***Perth:* Glory 6** (Edwards 17, Despotovski 34, Circati 52) v **Knights 1** (Reda 28)

***Perth:* Glory 2** v **Knights 2**
***Melbourne:* Knights 1** (Susa 66) v **Glory 0**

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***Melbourne:* Knights 1** (Da Costa 17) v **Glory 1** (Milicevic 13)
***Perth:* Glory 1** (Despotovski 23) v **Knights 0**

Flashback: Round 26 Knights Stadium • 20 April 1997
Knights 3 (T. Pondeljak 44, 57, A. Cervinski 85pen)
Glory 1 (Carbone 10)

Who will ever forget the final round clash in the 1996/97 season between the Melbourne Knights and Perth Glory, when the Glory was attempting to make the finals in its first season in the NSL.

With one round to go, Perth sat in sixth position on 38 points (11 wins, 5 draws, 9 losses), with the Knights in seventh position on 36 points (10 wins, 6 draws, 9 losses). Who better to play off for sixth spot than the two teams themselves.

A contingent of loyal Glory followers made the agonising journey to Knights Stadium to witness one of the greatest games in NSL history, with the Glory needing just a point to secure a spot in the finals series.

The Glory made a great start with Anthony Carbone streaming down the right flank past Ransford Banini and slotting the ball past hapless Joey Didulica from 25 yards to silence the home fans.

The Knights equalised on the stroke of halftime through speedy attacker Tom Pondeljak, who capitalised from a neat build up to level the scores at the break.

The visitors could have restored their lead moments after the break when Vas Kalogeracos, who scored a hat-trick against South Melbourne (his current side) the week previous, sprayed his shot from 15 yards.

Glory's Paul Strudwick was red carded in the 54th minute after a crude challenge on Andrew Marth, which saw the Knights skipper momentarily leave the field with a blood nose.

Pondeljak then notched up a second goal on the hour, with Adrian Cervinski putting the icing on the cake from the penalty spot in the 85th minute to send Knights Stadium into a frenzy.

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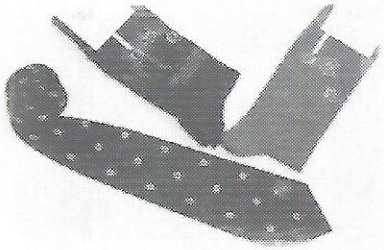

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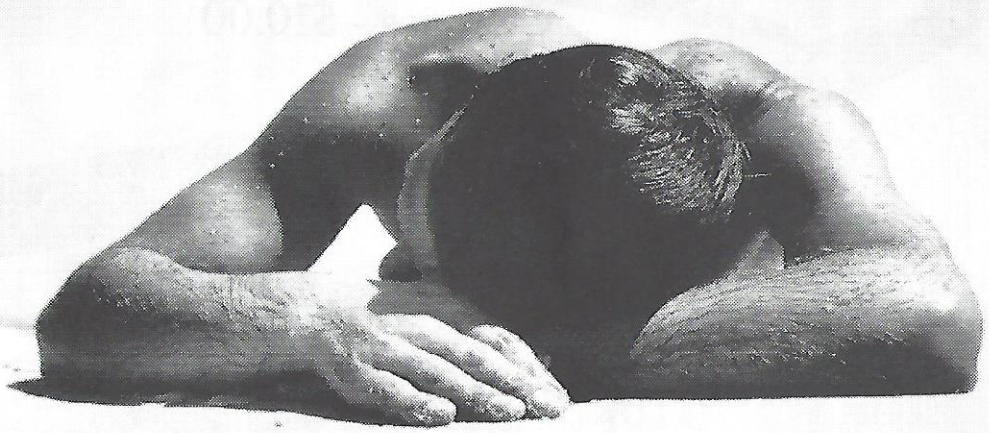

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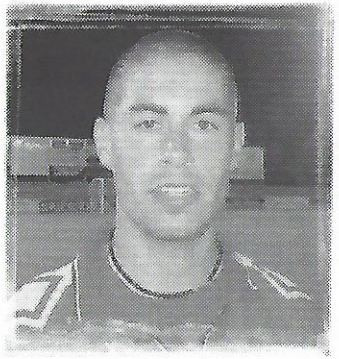
"I've played in front of big crowds before so I don't think Perth will be intimidating at all. Everyone knows what the job is and when you do play you block the outside interferences. Obviously we know there will be a big crowd, so it's not as if it will surprise us."

- Dragi Nastevski on the second leg at Subiaco Oval, which could break the NSL record of 43,242, previously held by Perth Glory.



"They (Perth Glory) have a lot of support, they get big gates and have a lot of well known big name players, so they will be under a lot of pressure at home."

- Dynamic midfielder Andy Vargas on the pressure Perth faces at its home ground.

"They're still a part of it, if one of us misses a game I would hate to think that I had nothing to do with it, you still want to be a part of it. There's a lot of lead up and training and all those guys that miss out, they're still a part of it and we're still playing for them."

- Alex Kiratzoglou on the unlucky players that will miss it in the finals.

"Everybody's taking this match in their stride and there's competition for places, which is healthy for club. There's a lot of confidence in regards to what sort of result we can get in this first leg, and even if we have to go to Perth and get a result, there's still a fair bit of confidence in our ability."

- Midfielder Alex Kiratzoglou on the 1st Elimination final against Perth Glory.

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Fixtures & Results

Round 1 - Saturday, October 14
Brisbane Strikers 1 (Grierson 58')
Melbourne Knights 2 (A.Vargas 41', Sulemani 69')
Suncorp Metway Stadium. Crowd: 2,349

Round 2 - Sunday, October 22
Melbourne Knights 2 (Kiratzoglou 44', Porter 55')
Parramatta Power 1 (Griffiths 75' pen)
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,980

Round 3 - Saturday, October 28
Canberra Cosmos 3 (Hagger 52', Scott 63', Castro 77')
Melbourne Knights 0
Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,550

Round 4 - Sunday, November 5
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 79')
Wollongong Wolves 2 (Horsely 41', Reid 42')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,863

Round 5 - Sunday, November 12
South Melbourne 4
(Trimboli 14' pen, 32' pen, Panapoulos 49', Boutsianis 60')
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 85')
Bob Jane Stadium. Crowd: 10.623

Round 6 - Sunday, November 19
Melbourne Knights 4
(A.Vargas 13', Da Costa 25', Porter 50', Kiratzoglou 65')
Sydney United 0
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,180

Round 7 - Sunday, November 26
Sydney Olympic 1 (Goutzioulis 93')
Melbourne Knights 0
Belmore Sports Ground. Crowd: 6,182

Round 8 - Sunday, December 3
Melbourne Knights 2 (Cervinski 54', A.Vargas 93')
Eastern Pride 1 (Magdic O.G. 51')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,178

Round 9 - Friday, December 8
Kingz FC 2 (Burton 84', Rufer 88')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Kiratzoglou 33', Cervinski 89')
Ericsson Stadium. Crowd: 5,559

Round 10 - Sunday, December 17
Melbourne Knights 1 (Porter 65')
Northern Spirit 1 (Burgess 48')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,320

Round 11 - Friday, December 22
Adelaide City Force 3
(Vidmar 5', Tunbridge 17', Pantelis 83')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 43' pen, Porter 75')
Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3,930

Round 12 - Sunday, December 30
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 17')
Perth Glory 1 (Milicevic 13')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,871

Round 13
Melbourne Knights vs. BYE

Round 14 - Sunday, January 14
Melbourne Knights 1 (Porter 38')
Marconi Stallions 4
(Thompson 51', 67', Care 72', Brownlie 80')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,287

Round 15 - Friday, January 19
Newcastle United 1 (Buonavoglia 61')
Melbourne Knights 5 (Da Costa 1', 14', Porter 8', Marth 47', Cervinski 84')
Marathon Stadium. Crowd: 6,875

Round 16 - Sunday, January 28
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 57' pen, Cervinski 77')
Brisbane Strikers 1 (Harris 59')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,728

Round 17 - Friday, February 2
Parramatta Power 1 (Blagojevic 85')
Melbourne Knights 3 (Cervinski 1', 68', 86')
Parramatta Stadium. Crowd: 2,475

Round 18 - Sunday, February 11
Melbourne Knights 2 (Da Costa 16', Porter 65')
Canberra Cosmos 0
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,098

Round 19 - Saturday, February 17
Wollongong Wolves 5
(Young 17', 65', Petrovski 26', 60', Chipperfield 73')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Marth 24', Cervinski 75')
WIN Stadium. Crowd: 5,459

Round 20 - Friday, February 23 7.30pm
Melbourne Knights 4 (Da Costa 17', Cervinski 19', Porter 21', Lapsansky 54')
South Melbourne 0
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 7,320

Round 21 - Sunday, March 4 4pm
Sydney United 0
Melbourne Knights 1 (Porter 24')
Sydney United Sports Centre. Crowd: 4,218

Round 22 - Friday, March 9 7.30pm
Melbourne Knights 2 (Cervinski 40', Da Costa 66')
Sydney Olympic 3 (Marusic 09', Augerinos 52', Cardozo 77')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,321

Round 23 - Saturday, March 17 7pm
Eastern Pride 2 (Sekulovski 23' pen, Fak 90')
Melbourne Knights 2 (Kiratzoglou 53', Da Costa 55')
Mobil Park. Crowd: 1,161

Round 24 - Sunday, March 25 6pm
Melbourne Knights 2 (Rajher 10', Pelikan 54')
Kingz FC 2 (Ibrahim 16', Lines 73')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,226

Round 25 - Friday, March 30 7.30pm
Northern Spirit 1 (Howson 73')
Melbourne Knights 4 (R.Vargas 20', Lapsansky 23', Marth 67', Porter 76')
Nth Sydney Oval. Crowd: 3,119

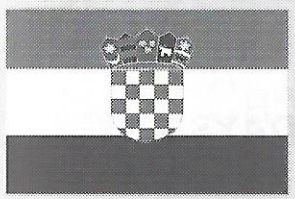
Round 26 - Sunday, April 8 6pm
Melbourne Knights 1 (Da Costa 21')
Adelaide City Force 1 (Pantelis 31')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 5,310

Round 27 - Saturday, April 14 7pm
Perth Glory 1 (Despotovski 23')
Melbourne Knights 0
Perth Oval. Crowd: 13,170

Round 28
Melbourne Knights v BYE

Round 29 - Wednesday, April 25 7pm
Marconi Stallions 0
Melbourne Knights 0
Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4,728

Round 30 - Sunday, April 29 3pm
Melbourne Knights 6 (Zoricich own goal 35', Porter 42', Lapsansky 10', cervinski 29'/75')
Newcastle United 4 (Trpcevski 41', Johnson 59', McBreen 65', Harper 78')
Knights Stadium. Crowd: 4,160



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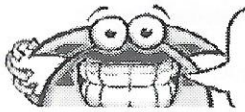

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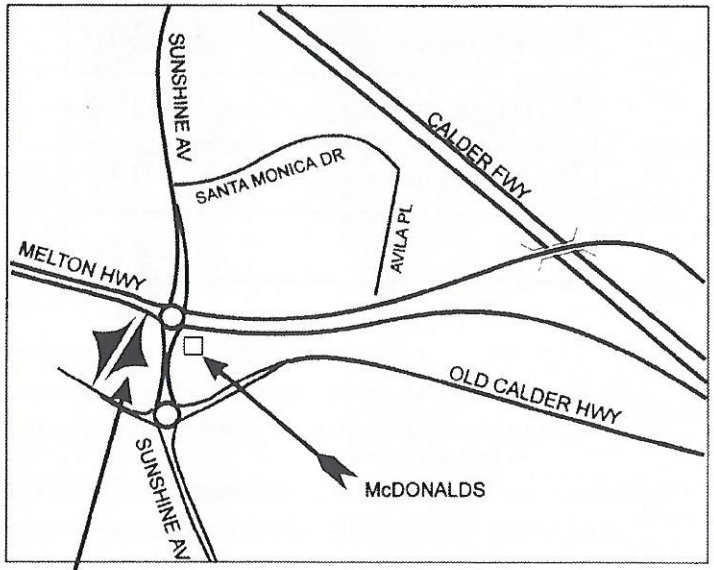

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Favorite Music:	*R & B, Hip Hop, dance*
Favorite Band:	*Merlin*
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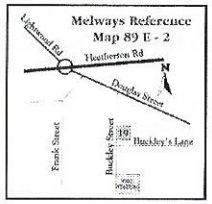

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Around the Grounds

The Chelsea girls team played their first match of the season away to Oakleigh and unfortunately they had a 3-1 loss.

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The seniors had an impressive 3-1 victory at home to Sandringham City.

The goalscorers were Anton Vulic, Andy Raiz and Jason Ivanusic.

The line up: *Josip Klarica, Alan Macinkovic, Robert Kapulica, Tom Golik, Mensor Dzaferovski, Joey Petruzalek (Robert Jakovljevic), Anton Vulic, Danny Pincic, Andy Raiz, Mate Milicevic (Jason Ivanusic), Tom Grskovic (Ante Vranic).*

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2001:

Saturday June 9	– Miss Chelsea Hajduk dinner dance feat. Zagreb
Saturday July 28	– Youth Dance feat. Magla
Saturday Aug 18	– 20th Anniversary Gala Ball
Saturday Sept 29	– Presentation night feat. Major Minor

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St Albans Saints will be playing their last 5 home matches at Knights Stadium.

But the Round 13 match vs. Bulleen Zebras (scheduled for today 3pm) has been shifted to Monday 7 May (tomorrow) due to the clash with the Knights today.

St Albans Saints vs. Bulleen Zebras
Monday 7 May, 2001
Knights Stadium
Reserves: 6.15pm
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St Albans fixtures @ Knights Stadium:

Round 15
Sunday 20 May, 2001
St Albans v Altona Magic
Res: 1pm Snrs: 3pm

Round 17
Sunday 10 June, 2001
St Albans v Preston Lions
Res: 1pm Snrs: 3pm

Round 19
Sunday 24 June, 2001
St Albans v Essendon Royals
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Round 21
Sunday 7 July, 2001
St Albans v Bentleigh Greens
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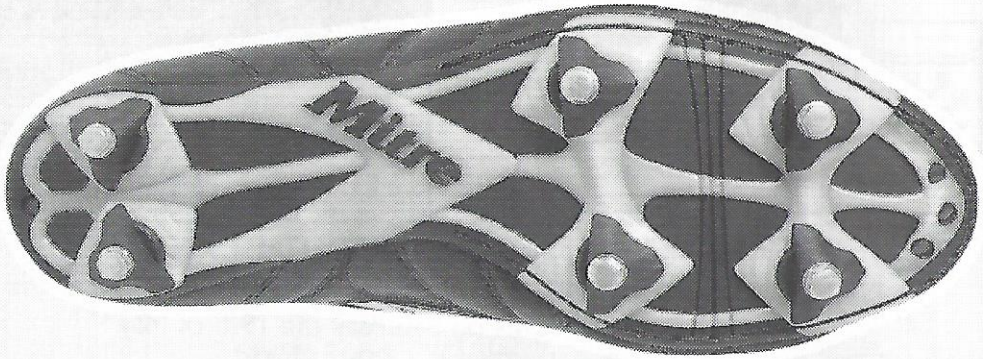

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27	Ivan JOLIC
28	Lubo LAPSANSKY
29	Robert GRASKOSKI

Knights - red shirts, white shorts, blue socks (home)
white/green hoops, white/green shorts, white/green socks (away)

Perth Glory

Coach	Bernd STANGE
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5	Vinko BULJUBASIC
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Glory - purple shirts, purple shorts, purple socks (home)
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